Diploma in Library Science

2703. SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND:
DR. RANBIR SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether several Government Universities/Institutions are conducting Diploma Course in Library Science through regular or correspondence coaching;

(b) if so, the names of such Universities/Institutions, State and Territory-wise, with eligibilities, period of admission and duration of each prescribed;

(c) whether some Government recognised Universities/Institutions are also conducting Diploma Course in Library Science through regular or correspondence coaching; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State and Territory-wise, with eligibilities, period of admission and duration prescribed in each case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) A statement indicating the details in this regard is attached.

Statement

S.No.	State/Name of the University	Eligibility	Admission period	Course duration
1.	ORISSA Berhampur University (Certificate)	Higher Secondary	June—May	One Year
2.	PUNJAB Punjabi University (Diploma Correspondance)	Matric with English with 50% Marks	July—June	One Year
3.	RAJASTHAN Kota Open University (Diploma Correspondance)	Higher Secondary or 10 years Lib. experience	—	One Year
4.	TAMIL NADU Annamalai University (Certificate)	10+2 with five year experience or Pre University with 3 years experience or A degree without experience	—	Three months
	Madras (Certificate)	Higher Secondary	—	Three months

Improvement in the Functioning of Railways

2704. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways are committed to improve safety, punctuality and the interface with the passengers;

(b) if so, the details thereof with steps to be taken in this regard;

(c) whether Government also propose to take steps to improve the day-to-day dealing with the passengers at enquiry-cum-booking counters and also in trains; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) steps taken to improve safety are as under:—

1. Priority execution of track circuiting on all the trunk routes and main line stations.

2. Change in signalling ciruitory to prevent slot being given till starter and advance starter signal for the preceding train have been put back.

3. The track structure has been strengthened. The rails have been converted into long welded rail panels by welding and removing fishplates.

4.The communication facility between station staff, driver and guard of running trains will be provided.

5. For monitoring of the track geometry and running characteristics of the track, sophisticated track recording cars, oscilograph cars and portable accelerometers are being progressively used.

6. The condition of rolling stock has been improved. Four-wheeler wagons are being replaced with better bogie Air-brake stock.

7. To prevent cases of cold breakage of axle, all ROH depots have been equipped with ultrasonic testing equipment for timely detection of cases of flaws developing in the axles.

8. The training of staff has been given new thrust with better training facilities like projector, slides, study and discussions of accident cases.

9. Simulators have been installed for training of drivers. Two simulators are working one each at Kanpur and Tughlakabad. Two more are being imported from Australia.

10. Auxiliary warning system for giving advance warning about signals at danger to driver of the running train and stopping the train if the driver does not respond within the predetermined time interval has already been commissioned on Bombay suburban section.

11. Instant Action Groups have been formed on certain nominated trains to check entry of unauthorised passengers in reserved coaches and persons carrying inflammable/explosive material.

12. The frequency of inspections and surprise checks has been increased. More safety drives have been launched.

Steps to improve punctuality:

The punctuality performance of Indian Railways has shown an improvement from 87.6% in 1994-95 to 89.2% in 1995-96. Even for the months of April to July this year, the performance has improved from 89.6% in April, 88.8% in May, 88% in June and 88.2% in July 1995-96 to 92.1% in April, 91.7% in May, 90.7% in June and 92.3% in July 1996-97.

All efforts including intensive chasing and daily monitoring at different levels are being undertaken regularly. In addition, punctuality drives both at Inspectorial and Officers' level are also being launched.

Steps to improve the interface with the passengers:

In order to bring about greater transparancy in the working of Railways and to have a better interface with customers modern technology is being inducted in Reservation, Enquiry, etc. 92% of reservations are already computerised and the Railways have an ambitious plan of extending this facility to give a wider coverage. Enquiry and Booking offices are being revamped with induction of sophisticated technology like installation of Inter-active Voice

Response System, Self Printing Ticket Machines etc.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) In order to improve the functioning of Enquiry-cum-booking offices, General Managers and Divisional Railway Managers have been asked to personally monitor the functioning of these offices. Train Superintendents have also been provided on important long distance trains for paying effective attention to all aspects of comforts of the passengers and response to their complaints.

Maintenance of Forts in Gujarat

2705. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the forts in Gujarat, maintained by the Archaeological Survey of India;

(b) whether Government of Gujarat has sought permission to provide various facilities at these forts to promote tourism;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the decision taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S.R. BOMMAI): (a) The list showing the names of forts in Gujarat State maintained by the Archaeological Survey of India is as below:

1. Fort at Champaner, Pavagadhh, Distt. Panchwalals

2. Gadhi (Fortress) at Old Dhinki, Distt. Jamnagar.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Question does not arise.

(d) Question does not arise.

Technical Know-how for Overcoming Pollution

2706. SHRI LAKKHIRAM AGARWAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in a judgement delivered on 15th July, 1996, the Supreme Court directed the two and three-wheeler manufacturers to come up with a time-frame to drastically reduce emission of pollutants from such vehicles; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to provide technical know-how to the manufacturers to overcome the problem of pollution?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAYAN PRASAD NISHAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Committees Functioning Under the Ministry of Agriculture

2707. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of the Committees functioning under the Ministry, the composition of which includes MPs and non-officials as its Members; and

(b) the details thereof and their terms of reference?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) and (b) There are 63 such Committees under the Ministry of Agriculture, details of which are given in the annexure. [*See Appendix 178 Annexure No. 61*]